1. when were archaeological researches organised in the State;

2. who was the first officer to attend the same;

3. is he continuing at present;

4. if not, who is the present officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Archaeological researches were seriously taken up and organised in the State in the year 1924.

2. Mr. K. Rama Pisharodi, M. A., Principal, Sanskrit College.

3. No.

4. Mr. Paliath Anujan Achan.

Qualifications of the Archaeologists.

221. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. what are the qualifications of the past and present officers, general and technical;

2. is the present officer eligible for public service;

3. if he is not, has he been exempted from S. O's regarding the minimum general educational qualification and age limit;

4. if so, the particular reason that necessitated the granting of such exemption or exemptions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Mr. Rama Pisharodi is a M. A., and L. T., and by his speeches and writings showed a special aptitude for the work. Mr. Anujan Achan, the present officer after passing his Intermediate from the National College, Madanappalli, has taken a special course of study as a research student of History and Archaeology at Viswabharathi in the Santiniketam University of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and has also obtained special training in the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona. He has also received practical training in Archaeology at the hands of Professor Dr. M. Winternitz of the Prague University.

2. Yes.

3 and 4. These questions do not arise in veiw of the answer to (2) above. The question of age-limit has not come up for consideration as the Archaeologist is still on probation.

Research work done by the Archaeologists.

222. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. have these officers done any original research work in any field within the scope of Kerala Archaeology before and after their appointment, to justify their appointments, supersession or retention;

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2. if so, a statement may be placed on the Table of the more important items of work done by each in the various fields of Oriental Research?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Yes.

2. Vide statements appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Appointment of a full-timed Officer as Government Archaeologist.

223. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. what led the Government to relieve the part-time officer;

2. is it because his work was unsatisfactory;

3. was there any necessity for appointing a full-timed officer;

4. if so, what is it;

5. why was not the part-timed officer himself made the full-timed officer, instead of entertaining a new hand in the service;

6. was the part-timed officer, when deprived of his collateral charge, given any compensatory allowance or promotion;

7. if not, why not;

8. are there not instances of such treatment in the case of other officers in the State;

9. did the appointment of the full-timed officer affect the work already begun by his predecessor;

10. has that work been followed up by his successor;

11. if not, why not;

12. did this appointment introduce a change in the policy of the Department;

13. if so, what is the change;

14. whether it is for the better, and if so, how?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1, 2, 3 and 4. Vide copy of the Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 776/02, dated 10th February 1927, appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

5. The part-time officer was properly the Principal of the Sanskrit College and the archaeological work he was doing in spare hours was only a subsidiary charge.

6. No.

7. There was no necessity for any such compensatory allowance or promotion since he had only his legitimate duties to perform when the collateral charge for which he was receiving the allowance was taken away from him.

8. No.

9. No.

10. Yes.

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